

Introduced by Senator Murray

February 24, 2005

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28— Relative to Nathan Shapell Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 28, as introduced, Murray. Nathan Shapell Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 405 in the County of Los Angeles as the “Nathan Shapell Highway.” The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing that special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Nathan Shapell is a man of integrity and
2 principle, a builder of lives who is dedicated to helping others
3 less fortunate. A survivor of the Holocaust, he was determined to
4 not only rebuild his own life, but to help others rebuild theirs. For
5 more than five years after World War II, he built a community
6 for thousands of displaced people and survivors of the camps
7 before immigrating to the United States in the early 1950's; and
8 WHEREAS, Nathan Shapell has built a highly successful real
9 estate development company that is recognized as an industry
10 leader and is highly respected for being a role model for
11 corporate philanthropy; and
12 WHEREAS, Nathan Shapell has dedicated a major portion of
13 his life to public service. He is a past President and Executive
14 Board Member of the American Academy of Achievement and
15 served as a Member of President Reagan's Private Sector Survey

1 on Cost Control. He founded and co-chaired Building a Better
2 Los Angeles, a one-time project that raised over \$1 million for
3 the homeless. In 1987, he accepted the position of President of
4 D.A.R.E. America, a renowned drug abuse resistance education
5 program. In 1992, Governor Pete Wilson appointed him to serve
6 as a member of the California Competitiveness Council and
7 develop recommendations to revitalize California's economy;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Nathan Shapell's greatest public contributions
10 have been made through his 29 years of service on California's
11 "Little Hoover Commission." As chairman for an unprecedented
12 18 years of this one-of-a-kind commission, he has helped save
13 taxpayers billions of dollars and improve the lives of hundreds of
14 thousands of Californians in areas that include nursing home
15 operations, children's services, property management,
16 transportation, the Medi-Cal program, and public education; and

17 WHEREAS, Nathan Shapell's commitment to service on
18 behalf of the public was recognized in 1986 when Santa Clara
19 University bestowed upon him an honorary Doctorate of Public
20 Service degree. In 1987, Tel Aviv University awarded Mr.
21 Shapell a Doctor Philosophiae Honoris Causa. He has chronicled
22 the early years of his life in his book, "Witness to the Truth"; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Shapell lives in Beverly Hills. His daughter
24 and son-in-law, Vera and Paul Guerin, and his grandchildren,
25 Lisa, Dana, and Michael, live in Los Angeles; now, therefore, be
26 it

27 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
29 portion of State Highway Route 405 from Wilshire Boulevard to
30 Mulholland Drive in the County of Los Angeles as the Nathan
31 Shapell Highway; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
33 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
34 signage requirements for the state highway system, showing this
35 special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
36 sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
38 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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